

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Uehara et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0057741 A1), and has rejected Claims 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uehara et al. in view of Ting et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,403,273 B1). However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 3, 4, and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, independent Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicant regards as the invention by respectively including the indicated allowable subject matter of Claims 3 and 14. Further, Claims 7 and 9-13 have been amended to have proper dependency upon amended Claim 5. Moreover, Claims 3, 6, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1 and 5, and Claims 2, 4, and 7-13 dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application are now allowable.

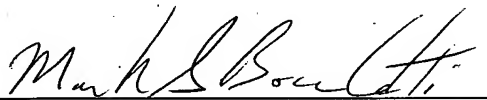
Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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